

An Unbiased Statement of Facts Concerning This Country.

Small Fruits in **Profusion**

Entire Area Fertile and Well Watered-Rapidly Filling Up.

Bulletin Staff Correspondence. Grande Prairie, Alta.-Previous correspondence has told of the trip from Edson and of the annual celebration and sports of the settlements of Grande Prairie, where the Buller should personally select his land.

will tell in detail what the actual violets, buttercups, lilies, golden rod, Adair, but many are will tell in detail what the actual delistes, aconite, water illies, geran-on the open prairie. settlers have done and propose to do in developing this corner of Al-berta's borderland, over a hundred miles northward and about two hun-dred miles to the westward of Ed-monton. It is not the purpose to anduly

as found upon personal observation flowers found on the prairie. careful investigation. With the stage party on the Edson

Strawberries, raspberries, goosebertrall was one passenger who interfo-gated every passer-by. Great was the variety of stories told about ful if they ever made a thorough in-vestigation into the facts. One man on the prairie.

told that it was that dry on Grande Prairie that when the ground was hit With an axe it would go bdom. During the past three weeks, how-like tone of picturesqueness to the ever, the weather has been showery, scent of undulating prairie. There are no gophers or badgers and and in spots, even on high ground, the pony's feet splash in the mud or only a few ccycles and an odd timber water of the trails. The crops are wolf. There are no snakes except a growing fine during the long days. Oats, wheat and garden truck of all kinds are doing well. There is a

feeling of happiness and contentment the creeks there are suckers, trout and jackfish. Bear lake also has fish. Between the Rivers and the Hills.

Smoky and about five townships north of the Wapiti. It is mostly an undulating park-land prairie, dott-ed with lakes. The population of all the settlements of Grande Prairie is roughly estimated at about a thousand people, of which Horse Creek, Bear Creek, Spring Creek Five Mile Creek, Bear Creek, Spring Creek, The trails over which the pioneers often considered indispensable in a Beaver-Lodge river and Red Willow have had to travel to Grande Prairie city is absent in the tent. A dressing river; besides a few smaller creeks, are each and all fraught with hard- lable or a cupboard made from a bex such as Canyon Creek and Flying ship and difficulty. This fact has had is shown to a visitor with as much Shot Creek. There are over a score of good-sized lakes, and among the most important lakes are Kleskun lake (draining through Kleskun river into the Smoky river), the Twin Lakes, Buffale lakes, Bear lake (about 8 miles long) Hermit lake (Drystick lake, Flyshot Creek. There are over a score an influence in sifting the flood of in- sive oak cabinet in the luxurlous city ing Short lake and Saskatoon lake. Bear river, Fish creek and Buffalo ing Short lake and Saskatoon lake. creek drain the northwest corner of Grand Prairie and flow into Bear lake. three days' celebration, leaving their one item, it 'may" be possible to buy It is odd that Bear river runs into Bear homes and camping at the grounds at the trading post or the stores, but lake, which empties into Bear creek. where the sports were held. There the great influx of new settlers is se-The creek is larger than the river. are only two policemen for a tremend- verely taxing their stock of merchan Pine creek drains the north part and ously large district. They were at the dise .. flows into Bear creek. Beaver Lodge sports, but ne arrests were made. Neighborliness of a New Land. river and Red Willow river drain the There was no drunkenness and no dis- Neighbors in a neighborly way help west ends and meet before emptying vest ends and meet before emptying nto the Wapiti. Between the creeks and lakes there are intervening ridges. Between Sasinto the Wapiti. are intervening ridges. Between Saskatoon lake and Beaver Lodge river is tlers seldom, if ever, lock their doors. animals or people the neighbors do Between the Smoky river and the not begrudge of either their time of Saskatoon hill, long called the moun-tain, which can be seen, all over the Saskatoon hill, long called the moun-tain, which can be seen, all over the Grande Prairie. South of Kleskun There is no guard room and when a There is no guard room and when a prisoner is sentenced he has to be taken all the way to Lesser Slake Lake, a ten days journey. Easier traile will leed all sorts to come to lake is Kleskun hill, which can be seen for many miles. Well Watered and Well Drained. This goes to show that Grande Prai-rie is well watered and well drained. The pioneers have settled along the settle in Grande Prairie. A large elors, having less home ties, often visit numerous creeks and lakes so as to population may bring the public sale arcund among the homes or, find an save the time of digging wells. The of intoxicants with more resultant disonly well digging outfits here are of order and a need for a larger police ther or father and get a chance to the Armstrong pattern, so no thorough force - ----taste cooking more delightful than test has been made of the ease or dif- An Old Camping Ground, their own. ficulty of securing well water away from the creeks or lakes. There are some dry creek-runs or hollows which could be dammed to make reservoirs Prairie. Laboucan here traded with sional surprise party is neld in the of water secured from melted snow in Beaver Indians and the few Crees then winter. But in the past winter sea he spring. The soil of Grande Prairie is varied Hudson's Bay shanty was about 15 sparse and so many were absent of the spring. from the heaviest gumbo to a light miles to the northwest of Saskatoon the long two months' trip to Edn

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GRANDE PRAIRIE-Mrs. the wife of Rev. Alex. Forbes, formerly of Fort Saskatchewan, driving the first spike in the corner of the new log church building now in of erection course

The Small Fruits.

were taken out to the mouth of the of Grande Prairie, where the Bulle tin's staff correspondent has been for a few weeks while on a tour of the Peace River district. This article purposes giving a few general ob-setvations, while a subsequent article will tell in detail what the actual Society of Ploneers.

boost this "land of promise," but to places in midsummer. Honeysuckles great pleasure in visiting back and rather tell of the actual conditions and orchids are among the prettiest forth among their friends and numerous relations.

The agriculturists who first located on Grande Prairie were living in a ries, blueberries, huckleberries, low scattered settlement so, naturally, set and high bush cranberries, dewberries dom visited, being too busy on their among the small fruits growing wild ing of religous services encourage social intercourse, but still the annual In the bluffs are willow-red, gray celebration is the chief social event.

> joy the holiday in chat with neighbors cial calls are made from tent to tent The Women's Work. On the homesteads the wives daughters are loyally helping their husbands, fathers or brothers, and

doing their share of the multit tasks incldent to starting a home in a new land. The work of gardening is frequently taken up by the ladles, who enjcy the simple outdoor life, while

healthy district and there are very Living Costs High. White settlers over 60 years of Weddings have not been numer-One was a romance of the trail rie is indicated from the following ethers were but sequel of a court- price list of commodities. Freight elsewhere. There have yet been from Eumonton to Grande Prairie via p elsewhere. There have yet been white weddings resulting from Athabasca Landing up river and lake endship originating on the Grande to per pound. In summer via Peace Prairie. The settlement is too new per pound. In summer via Peace

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ous.

River Crossing, over 10c per pound, i Four Religious Denominationsa all possible. Many settlers haul in Eleven years age the Roman Catho- their own supplies in the winter. But church had a mission at Saskatoon all are anxious for the coming of the Lake in charge of Rev. Father Le- near approach of the railway or the treste. Four years ago the mission was moved to Bear. Creek, where a log church was built. The mission build-A Land of Beauty. church was built. The mission build-ing at Saskatoon Lake was taken down and the logs hauled to Bear. Creek, where they were set up again and the build is a state of Beauty. As the stranger crosses the Smoky river, travels across the flower spat-tered prairie, climbs the rising ridge fiding is now used as a residence for of Kleskun hill and tooks out over the Rev. Father Alac and his assistant, picturesque landscape, the first im-Rev. Father Nantin. Services are held pression is unconsciously "Grande every Sunday morning and afternoon Prairie" As the ove takes in the cirin Cree. Some of the new white set- cle of vision and searches for sign of tiers are Roman Cathelic. Five years human life it looks in vain for sign ago, including Beavers and Crees, breaking or shock or even a herd of here was a congregation of about 250, horses or cattle feeding on the green but now there are only about 150. grass, resting in the shade of the park Many natives have moved away to the like bluffs or wandering towards the

watering places. The unconscious Rocky mountains. The Church of England are erecting thought is, where are the people? a large frame mission building, 26x36. As visits are paid to the central and two stories with an addition 16x22. At western parts of the prairie fields of the west end of Saskatoon lake, near breaking and shacks of homesteaders the West end of Saskaroon lake, near the Hudson Bay poin, in the fall of 1909, after the arrival of Rev. F. W. Moxhay, a log mission house was erected by the young men. Later a club house, 20x22, was built by Mr.

Moxhay and furnished by the young the sunlight reflecting from the pretty men, who use it as a reading and re- lakes or delighted by the mirror like The club room is reflection of the green-clad shores of creation room. open at all times to the public. Sat- the fleecy clouds. From a higher ridge urday is a regular social evening and the view expands over the Grande a special programme of debates and Prairie a land of beguty, lovely lakes,



music is arranged monthly. Sunday singing birds, pretty flowers, green services are held at Beaver Lodge, grass, growing grain and black breaking by the homesteader's homely Saskatoon Lake and Bear Lake.

North of the Wapiti river the Grande Prairie extends from the Smoky river westward to the western boundary of Alberta. It covers about eleven townships west of the Smoky and about file of the found. The settlements in Grande Prairie home.



VINCENT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, GRANDE PRATRIE-This ST church edifice, which is 40 feet by 26 feet, was built in 1908-9. Rev. Father Alac is the priest in charge

> VEGREVILLE. was in town on business last Satur

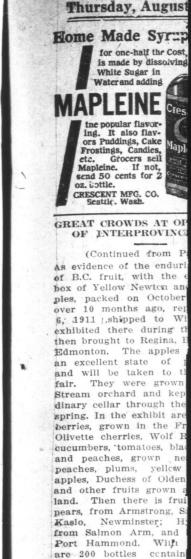
day. Bulletin News Service. Rev. R. A. Burge, scoutmaster The United Farmers' Association of the Vegreville boy scouts, gave a very the Victoria electora' district have interesting entertainment in the Town called a convention, to be held in Hall last night, conducted almost enthis place on August 19th, for the tirely by himself and his boy scouts. purpose of considering the advis-ability of nominating a candidate in marches, drills, exercises, Indian war their interests in the approaching dances, camping scenes, tableaux, etc Dominion general elections. etc., which were greatly enjoyed What was perhaps the closing game the large audience present. of the season in the Vermilion Burge is certainly to be congratu-Valley, Amateur Baseball League, so lated upon the manner in which

far as Vegreville is concerned at least, he has taken up this movement unwas played on the school grounds assisted, financially or otherwise, extere tonight, between the local nine | cept for voluntary donations of those and that of Vermilion. The game interested. was hotly contested throughout but Andrew Wilson, who has been i resulted finally in a win for Vegre- Hamilton, Ontario, for some months ille by the close score of 6-5. The past, returned home on the harves brass band was in attendance and excursion last Monday, accompanied by his friend, Mr. McWilliams endered excellent music. Two very interesting weddings took Mesdames Trawin and Worth and

place last Monday, August 7th-one the Misses Laura and Flossie Worth at Lakeview Farm, near Tofield, and returned last Saturday from a pleahe other at the Roman Catholic sant sojourn at Birch Lake, where Church here. In the former, the they had been for a few weeks camp contracting parties were Mr. Chas. ing.

Leonard, of the Globe Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs W. T. Clements and here and Miss Lillian M. Asher of family are down at Birch Lake camp-Edmonton., Rev. Mr. Nicholson per- ing for the balance of the month. formed the ceremony. The second Mrs. J. A. Carswell, of Red Deer, ormed the ceremony. The second wedding was when Mr. Thomas Far- is the guest of her daughter and sonrel, of Vegreville, was united in the in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cunning, bonds of holy matrimony to Miss ham.





fruit of all kinds that, gro Columbia. Profusion of Flow The flower exhibit of entire east side of the and is a revelation to t agined that flowers we in this country. Geran bloom and a profusion of feliage plants, pansies ers greatly enhance the h Interior of these two l are a never-ending sou and delight to all who Walter Ramsey, the florist exhibit of flowers on the

of the building. Prizes for Home C Competition is keen among the entries for bread, biscuits, cakes, doughnuts all of which good enough to eat. George S. Filer has a nursery stock, including trees, roses and shrups.

Miscellaneous Ext Space has been reser De Long Jewelry Compa ha, Neb., and one of their tives is in charge of th The Eagle Penci

sandy soil. In some places there is a lake. The main trail to the mountains ton for supplies that parties and black loam with a subsoil of chocolate then led southwest from Saskatoon dances have been rare. In one corner clay. The topsoil varies from two lake. Laboucan's trading post was or the settlement, however, regular inches to a foot. The soil varies with-in a short distance, so a new settler! horses. Those that could be found Funerals have been rare, for it Funerals have been rare, for it is

FIRST VIEW OF THE PROMISED LAND-Party of homeseekers catch ing their first glimpse of the Grande Prairie, which lies beyond the valley of the

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Rev. Alex, Forbes' Work. A visitor here to-day and gone to Rev. Alex. Forbes and wife visited morrow is hardly qualified to answer Grande Praire in August, 1909, on a all these. But the Bulletin's correvisit which resulted in their return in the spring of 1910 to organize Presby-as many of the actual settlers as possiterian mission work on Grande Prair- ble and to get their own story. Not Services are held at Bear Creek what they think about the country. near the townsite of Grande Prairie Any person can think almost anything city. A church building has already but acts speak louder to get reliable been started at Grande Prairie City information from each settler inter-and sites proclared at other points on viewed in regard to what he has ac-

fually done and what he proposes to the Grande Prairie. tory of the west. Recently the settlers gathered for a trail from Edmonton. If an insuffi-cient supply has been brought of any cient supply has been brought o Owing to the need and importance do this year in the way of developthis mission work the Ladies' Home of the soil and the growing of grain." Missionary society of the Presbyterian churches in Edmonton sent Miss A. cats at over \$2.00 per bushel and Eaird, a graduate nurse, to undertake many of the settlers were asked if been successfully, treated at their fer. Some say the present cost of sup-

homes and at the home of Mr. and plies, of machinery, clothing, etc., is Mrs. Forbes. At first Mr. Forbes lived due to high prices or the long haul Live 1 , Toppice, 1 0

PLOWING WITH TWO TEAMS OF OXEN-Scene on Hodgins Brothers' Thim at Dry Stick Lake, where 10 acres are now in crop. ... Hodgins Bros. expect to break 40 acres a dditional this year. These four oxen, drawing a 16-inch plow, break 135 acres per day.

at Flying Shot Lake, but this has since from the railway, but others say with

F. Hopkins, assisted by Rev. Andrew Telfer and Rev. Coates. Services are The Agricultural Development. The next article will tell of the agri- Central Western States. held at Saskatoon Lake, Upper and cultural development of Grande Lower Beaver Lodge, Red Willow and Prairie, with an estimate of the deat other points Two churches are velopment proposed in 1911. Breakat other periods Two enurches are under way. A very flourishing Sunday school is beid at Beaver Lodge under the superintendency of Clarence Pool. The fleadquarters of the Methodist that the plow does not clean easily. mission is at the parsonage on the There is sufficient moisture for the edge of Saskatcon Lake, in a pretty crops. The long bright sunny day. ation. The mission buildings have will soon hasten the harvest. been erected by the carpenter preach-The new tand agency opens here

this week. Many new settlers will be The work of all the Protestant mis- locating here this summer. The setsionaries is laid out to avoid over ip- tlements of Grande Prairie are bu ping and harmony and good fellowship beginning to progress. The railways prevall among the various denomin-All joined heartily in the ger business ready waiting their ar grand union open air mass meeting, rival. held on the sports ground on the Sun-day evening preceding the three days F. R. F. MCKITRICK.

celebration. Bangor, Wales, Aug. 11-The Can A start has been made in the estabshment of several public school dis- adian teachers who are visiting th ricts. Another year will see schools officed annound, Alarea cancie in operation in all the settled parts of Multin Mains, waily. the Grande Prairie,

wase wase in the was, wanted " In said as cases a

BREAKING ON GRANDE PRAIRIE-Peter John Caliboo, son of Louis Calihoo, grandson of Chief Michel Calihoo, who died at the age of 100 years, guiding a 4-horse 16-inch plow and breaking three acres in two days on the farm of a neighbor, in order to earn sufficient money to purchase a new plow f or himself.

Annie Book at the Roman Catholic Mrs. Ralph Hulbert, of Strathcona, the nursing work of the Grande Prairie they could make money here selling Church by Rev. Father Garnier, in and children, also Mrs. M. A. Howie, mission. A number of patients have oats at 50c per bushel. Opinions dif- the presence of a number of friends. of Sault Ste Marle, Michigan, are The happy couple have taken up visiting with their friends at Mr. T. J. their resider nce on the Hall farm, Cunningham's.

about nine miles northwest of Vegre-The Board of Trade is co-operating ville with the farmers of the district in an The most successful union Sunday endeavor to secure the latter farm school picnic yet held at Sick Man help with which to reap the coming Lake by the Vegreville Sabbath harvest, which promises to be a reschools took place last Thursday, and breaker in this district.

The day was line, the crowd large, E Hayes, of Issurance Agencies, and everything was handled very Limited, Edmonton, was in town tosatisfactorily. Financially it was, a day. There is a balance of Mrs. W. M. Cunningham and family uccess.

some \$19.00 in the treasurer's hands have returned from Big Fish Lake. after all expenses had been met. where they have been spending the The Morrison Club has been re- past six weeks camping and visiting rganized, with the following as the friends. officers: President, James McNeill; vice-president, Maxim Zasleyhda; Vegreville, August 11.

ueasurer, S. R. Douglas; secretary,

Disastrous New Toronto Fire. os. Adams; assistant secretary, Peter Toronto, Aug. 11-A disastrous fire Kolmatycke; executive, H. E. Wal- occurred at New Toronto this mornker, J. Corbett, T. Cannon, T. D. ing when six houses were totally de-Beattle, W. Kieryluk H. A. Mere- stroyed, entailing a loss of about lith, C. W. Thornton. \$8,000 to buildings and \$3,500 to con-W. H. White, M.P., was in town tents. Five houses were frame struc-

on Monday, extending the "stad tures, rented by working men while hand." "Nobby" looks well and as the other was a pressed brick structhough life at Ottawa quite agreed ture owned by Percy Rilles and valuwith him It is expected he will ed at about \$4,000. again be the candidate of the Liberal

party here, and also that he will Looking for Escaped Convict. their banner to victory again, carry Cedar Rapid, Aug. 11-Two hundred as he did in 1908. Miss E. Caudwell is visiting at her citizens are surrounding a deey woods moved to near Grande Prairie P. O. The Methodist mission work on Grande Prairie is in charge of Rev. C. How and a sure market money Grande Prairie is in charge of Rev. C. How and a sure market money Grande Prairie is in charge of Rev. C. How and a sure market money Walker Land Co., returned recently does are hiding with Charles Smitch, Walker Land Co., returned recently does are hiding with Charles Smitch, from a settler hunting trip to the a convict whom they helped to escape from the guards at the state poniton J. E. Laurencelle, of Edmonton tiary after fatally wounding a guard.



STAGE AND MAIL LEAVING BEA VER LODGE FOR PEACE RIVER CROSSING.

has an exhibit in the da THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT WITH THE I

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ion that here was no re resent occasion why the vote in the division should led for Patterson, beside large number of independe servatives favocable to the pact. Mr. Patterson was Presbyterian minister at Neepawa. **Roblin Interviewed in 1**

Montreal, Aug. 14-"Th Canada of the reciprocity be nothing less than a the farmer of Manitoba entirely destroy for him home market in Canada, vicinity of Winnipeg," said Roblin, premier of Manito rived in Montreal on Sun three months sojourn in country and on the contin which time he attended tion." I can say absolu about the political situat marked, "but things in M hardly have changed much three months. Long befor London we had seen thro ciprocity pact and what i people of Manitoba are as far as I have been a not only intend to stay intend also to cultivate r relations wth the mother seat of the empire. Ou turned towards the head while La rier has once his back on London and washington.

Calls it a Calami "Certainly we could nothing less than a cala pact to go through. farmer knows what market means to him, culty that he has even a contending with farmer. The market States is several weeks our own and we impor every variety from them i High prices prevail an local farmer comes along he gets the same prices erican has been getting transportation charges of can produce being clear own farmers. "But if the American is entrance to our market vantage that he has at earlier season, what can dumping the city full a prices which will put t at a loss without dedu ies and transportation. Old Country Opin Asked concerning the the proposal in the old Roblin said that the Li whe could never see far own nose, and the Radical would welcome anythin seas Dominions that break up what the jin imperialism." They w see us drift into the

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